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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P57827W	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/01086	International filing date (day/month/year) 22/03/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 22/03/1999
Applicant CHARTERHOUSE THERAPEUTICS LTD. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 8 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 1-10, 12-36 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds/products. Additionally, present claims 1-36, do not meet the requirements of Rule 6.2 (a) PCT.

The definition "R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6 are (independently) hydrogen or any other moiety and X is any moiety" in claim 1, and the definition "X is an Si-containing group" of claim 3 are non-limiting; furthermore, the definition of R1 - R4 in claim 2 relates to an extremely large number of possible compounds/products; in fact, the claims contain so many options and variables, that a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent, as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible; support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, for only a very small proportion of the compounds/products claimed.

Also Claim 13 and 31, claiming "compound having a formula as shown in figure 10" is obscure, because no definition is given for the substituents in the mentioned formula.

Claim 36 is also obscure, not defining any technical feature. Moreover, the definition in claim 1: "...wherein the compound has higher activity than cyclopent-2-en-1-one in respect of one or more of the following:.....", relates to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property. The claim covers all products/compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas, as already mentioned above, the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products/compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product/compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

The claimed therapeutic applications "activating HSF", "inhibiting NF- κ B", "inhibiting the replication of HSV-1" and " inhibiting the replication of Sendai Virus" in claim 1, "disorder affecting aquatic organism" in claim 24, "plant disorders" in claim 28 etc. etc. are not specified therapeutic applications.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the products/compounds and in relation to the medical conditions for which pharmacological data were provided in the description, in relation to the treatment of inflammation, viral infections and of ischemia, with due regard to the general idea underlying the application.

Claims searched incompletely: 1-36

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international

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search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61K31/695 A61K31/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K C07D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, CHEM ABS Data, EMBASE, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
E	<p>WO 99 29647 A (ENOKI TATSUJI ;KOYAMA NOBUTO (JP); IKAI KATSUSHIGE (JP); KATO IKUN) 17 June 1999 (1999-06-17)</p> <p>* See Compound RN= 227026-24-6 * page 58 ----</p>	<p>1,2, 8-10, 21-23, 26,28, 30-36</p>
X	<p>WO 99 00349 A (INAMI KAORU ;KOYAMA NOBUTO (JP); KATO IKUNOSHIN (JP); KOBAYASHI EI) 7 January 1999 (1999-01-07)</p> <p>* See compounds with RN=219314-65-5; 219314-66-6; 219314-67-7; 219314-68-8; 219314-69-9; 219314-70-2 * & Database STN; file CAPLUS, AN= 1999:34881 ----</p>	<p>1,2,4, 6-10, 17-24, 26,28, 30-36</p>

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	EP 0 180 399 A (TEIJIN LTD) 7 May 1986 (1986-05-07) * See compounds RN= 56745-67-6; 102355-01-1; 104248-60-4 *	1-7,10, 21-23, 25,26, 28,30, 32-36
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